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Appln. No. 10/645,423 )  
First Named Applicant: VERNON D. ERICKSON )  
Filed: 08/21/2003 )  
For: DEVICE RETENTION APPARATUS )  
LOCKING ASSEMBLY )  
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TC/A.U.: 2835 )  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2005,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.